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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY

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FOR MATLOCK FROM SHINN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. MCCALL PHONED SOVIET PRESS COUNSELOR KAMENEV JULY 10 AND SAID WE WANTED TO DISCUSS THE TASS OFFICE IN SAN FRANCISCO, AND SUGGESTED THAT WE DO SO NEXT WEEK, AFTER THE GENEVA TALKS (ACTUALLY, AFTER WHITNEY/PIPER COURT DATE JULY 18). KAMENEV, WHOSE VOICE WENT UP AN OCTAVE, PROTESTED THAT HE WAS ON HIS WAY OUT THE DOOR ON SEVERAL WEEKS HOME LEAVE. IT WAS LEFT THAT MCCALL WOULD CALL IN KAMENEV'S DEPUTY, DAVIDOV, NEXT WEEK.

2. URGENTLY NEED TO KNOW WHETHER DIMITRY ZARECHNAK, NOW INTERPRETING IN MOSCOW, COULD BREAK LOOSE IN ORDER TO JOIN CAT TALKS IN HELSINKI JULY 18-28. THERE IS SHORTAGE OF AVAILABLE INTERPRETERS FROM HERE AT MOMENT AND WE HAVE CYRIL MUROMCEW AS SOLE INTERPRETER AT PRESENT. DIMITRY'S
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PRESENCE WOULD BE ESSENTIAL TO UNDERTAKING SINCE THERE WILL BE ONLY FOUR FULL PLENARY SESSIONS, BUT ONGOING MEETINGS OF THE THREE WORKING GROUPS. IF EMBASSY CAN SPARE DIMITRY AND HE IS OTHERWISE AVAILABLE, PM WILL MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH LANGUAGE SERVICES.

3. PLEASE ADVISE LTC ROUSH, USMC, DAO, THAT INDIANA

UNIVERSITY CONFIRMED TO US JULY 11 THAT ROUSH'S SON JOHN HAS BEEN ADMITTED FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR. FORMAL LETTER OF ADMISSION AND CURRICULUM INFORMATION HAVE BEEN RECENTLY FORWARDED IN CARE OF LTC ROUSH.

4. WE HAVE CHECKED WITH THE PHILLIPINE DESK, WHICH PERCEIVES NO SECURITY OR OTHER OBJECTIONS TO MANILA PORT VISIT BY A SOVIET RESEARCH VESSEL. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT MESSAGE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT TSUNAMI WARNING PROJECT CONTAINED IN STATE 169117.

5. YOU WILL BE RECEIVING BY REGULAR CHANNEL A CABLE WHICH CORRECTS THE DRAFT JOINT PRESS STATEMENT FOR THE THIRD ROUND OF THE CAT TALKS AS TRANSMITTED BY STATE 173619. ALL CONCERNED REGRET THE CONFUSION, BUT A MAJOR "ACCOMPLISHMENT" AT THE MAY ROUND WAS TO USE THE WORD "MEETINGS" RATHER THAN THE WORD "CONSULTATIONS" TO DESCRIBE SUBSEQUENT CAT SESSIONS.

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